

Electronic Birth Registration Newsletter



Electronic Birth This and That

From The Birth Registration Supervisor:

I can't believe that the Holidays are just around the corner. We wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season.

This year has been a very busy year for us. Registration of birth certificates has been a success. THANKS to all the Birth Clerks from all the hospitals around the State. We appreciate your knowledge, patience, and calls to get those babies registered.

This year marks our fifth year using the Nebraska Electronic System. So far this year we have registered a total of 23,280 births. We also thank those parents who have completed the HOMEBIRTH process and had their babies registered with the State. Today's needs for a child to have a birth certificate are so imperative that we cannot stress the importance for all information to be accurate and complete before certificate data is registered with our office. Just to let you know the magnitude of births registered these past 5 years, here are the totals:

2005	26,374 = 72 babies per day*
2006	26,898 = 73 babies per day*
2007	27,120 = 74 babies per day*
2008	27,084 = 74 babies per day*
2009	23,280 as of November 13, 2009

(* total divided by 365 days per year)

I would like to give special **THANKS** to the Vital Records Birth Clerks **Diana and Beverly** in Lincoln and in Omaha to **Pat and Richard** for their hard work in getting babies registered and assisting hospitals clerks with their questions and concerns.



From the Birth Registration Desk

We have had some hospitals ask about the age of the father and whether he can sign an Acknowledgement of Paternity if he is under the age of 18. Parents of any age may sign the Acknowledgement of Paternity form; however, if the father is under the age of 19, you should suggest that he may want to talk with his parents before signing the form.

Hospital Birth Clerks can file a homebirth. If they have any questions on this process,

please contact the Vital Records Office. The work sheet can be printed from the system for you to give to the parents just as any hospital birth.

We have been encountering problems with information on line 13, "Father's Name", on the birth certificate. It seems that in some cases the father has assumed the mothers' last name after marriage. Unfortunately, Nebraska's birth certificates do not contain a line where fathers can enter their birth/maiden name

About Required Identification: We require current photo identification to release certified copies of vital events. We like to have as first choice, a state-issued driver's license or state identification card. If not available, we accept current national and foreign passports.

We accept as alternative identification forms, for example, Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, etc, current photo identification from the Consulate. We will not accept it if it has expired. We also accept a document entitled "Cédula de Identidad" or "Cédula de Vecindad". These documents are obtained when the holder turns 18, and usually do not have an expiration date on them. We do not accept the identification if registration date is over 5 years from the date received in our office. A common form of identification we accept from Mexico is the one from the "Instituto Federal Electoral Registro Federal de Electores". The newer identification cards from 2007 to the present have an expiration date; prior to 2007 they don't have an expiration date. We will not accept these if the registration date is over 5 years from the date received in our office.

We not only accept them as identification to obtain vital records, we also accept them as identification to notarize the holder's signature. If you have questions about identifications we accept at Vital Records, please contact Eli, Supervisor of Certification, at 402-471-0924. She can provide you with a list of alternative forms of identification a person can submit with their request.

Acknowledgement of Paternity: We ask hospital birth clerks when completing this document please make sure that the information you write on the white page transfers legibly to the yellow copy.

If information on the Acknowledgement of Paternity does not match the information on the birth data, it will be sent back to the hospital.

and their legal/married name, like mothers can. However, on line 15a of the birth certificate, if the father wishes to be the informant, he can sign his legal/married name on this line. If the father's name was legally changed, he can have his legal name added to line 13 with a copy of the court ordered name change. The Vital Records Office would need to see a copy of the court ordered name change and the birth clerk would need to make a note of this in the "Comment's" field.

Vital Records Contacts:

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Vital Records Website:
www.dhhs.ne.gov/vitalrecords

EBR log on name: Contact:
Jackie 402-471-0919 or email
Jackie.Fairbanks@nebraska.gov

Birth defect log on name & training: Contact Nila Irwin at 402-471-0354 or Email:
Nila.Irwin@nebraska.gov

Child Support :

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/dadsrewards/>

Do's and Don'ts

Do– Verify spellings of names before birth certificate is submitted to the State Queue

Do Not: Send an incomplete Acknowledgement of Paternity form to the Vital Records Office

Do call the Vital Records Office with any questions you may have 402-471-0907 or 402-471-0924

DO register with the Vital Records partners subscription page:

<http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/vitalrecords/partners/>

2009* most popular names for Boys and Girls:

Girls: #1 - Addison (107)
#2 - Olivia (103)
#3 - Isabella (101)
Boys: #1 - Alexander (128)
#2 - Noah (114)
#3 - Carter (113)

* As of 11/13/2009